



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	18 VAC 10-20
Regulation title	Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects Regulations
Action title	Exempt regulatory action
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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

In the 2009 session of the General Assembly, Code Sections 54.1-400, 401, 402.2, 403, 404.2, 405, 409, 410, and 411 were changed to remove "certified" in relation to Landscape Architects as Landscape Architects became licensed with a 12-month delayed enactment during the 2009 General Assembly session. The regulations reflect the change in title by removing "certified" wherever it appears before landscape architect throughout the regulations. This action does not become effective until 7/1/10.

Statement of final agency action

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.

Counsel from the Attorney General's office agreed this was an exempt action. The Board voted to approve the revision to the regulation at its September 15, 2009 meeting. The revision to the regulation mirrors what is in the statute.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

There is no impact on the institution of the family and family stability by revising this regulation.